

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1161

By Williams

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Richard Underwood of Charlotte.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the death of Richard Underwood; and

WHEREAS, Richard Underwood was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Underwood served with acumen and alacrity as an employee of Motors Insurance Corporation, in which position he earned the respect of his peers and superiors alike for the exemplary quality of his work; he also enjoyed a strong bond with his colleagues having worked there for more than thirty years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Underwood served his country as a member of the Marine Corp. Reserve, from which he retired as a Major; and

WHEREAS, a native of Waynesville, where his father owned a Sinclair gas station, Richard Underwood was born on July 14, 1929, to the late Spaldon and Alice Underwood; and

WHEREAS, he attended Duke University and graduated from Western Carolina University; and

WHEREAS, a highly respected member of Charlotte, Mr. Underwood was an avid horse lover, having raised and shown more than thirty horses; he also enjoyed antique cars, particularly mustangs; and

WHEREAS, he felt a special affinity to his childhood home of Waynesville and indulged his hobby of collecting Sinclair petroleum memorabilia; and

WHEREAS, Richard Underwood was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, he enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife, June, who preceded him in death and was the proud father of Blair Underwood; and.

WHEREAS, in addition to his parents and wife, Mr. Underwood was preceded in death by his brother, Russ Underwood; and

WHEREAS, he will be sorely missed by his brother, Philip Underwood; and

WHEREAS, Richard Underwood leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Richard Underwood, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Underwood.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.